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SUBJ: WASHINGTON VISIT OF SENIOR CABINET OFFICIALS

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1. WE WISH TO CORRECT APPARENT IMPRESSION THAT MELCHOR WOULD BE PREPARED DISCUSS MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE HE FREQUENTLY IS IN SEARCH OF VARIOUS ITEMS OF MILITARY HARDWARE, OR OF ARRANGEMENTS TO ACQUIRE THEM, MELCHOR HAS NOT FIGURED IN BASE TALKS THUS FAR. THIS IS NEITHER TIME NOR OCCASION TO INDUCE HIM. HE WILL BE FOUND, EVEN SO, WIDELY CONVERSANT WITH OPERATIONAL WORRIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING MUSLIM PROBLEMS.

2. IN ADDITION TO HIS NEGOTIATING ROLE, VIRATA HAS A BROAD VIEW OF HIS FINANCIAL MANDATE, AND WE HOPE HE WILL HAVE A SUITABLE ENCOUNTER WITH ENDERS AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN PHILIPPINE AND REGIONAL FINANCIAL MATTERS.

3. OTHERWISE YOUR PROPOSED ENCOUNTERS APPEAR FINE.
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